

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Hilda E. Smith

Serial No.: 10/632,117

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For: ENVIRONMENTALLY
REGULATED GENES OF
STREPTOCOCCUS SUIS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

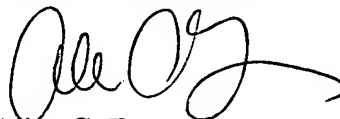
Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 10, 2004, applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group III, claims 11-15. No species election is required for this Group as specified in the Office Action. (See Office Action of June 10, 2004, page 4.)

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CONCLUSION

In light of the above election of Group III, applicant respectfully requests a prompt action on the merits of claims 11-15. If there are any questions concerning the foregoing, or if the Office should determine that there are additional issues which might be resolved by a telephone conference, it is respectfully invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allen C. Turner', with a stylized, flowing script.

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